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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# U.S. Route 63 Environmental Impact Statement

## Public Hearings Scheduled — Open-House Hearings in Westphalia and Vienna or On the Web!

### Your Comments Are Encouraged!

The Missouri Department of Transportation will hold public hearings later this month to gather public input on the U.S. Route 63 Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Work on the environmental study began in November 2006 to evaluate the current and potential future transportation needs along a 47-mile stretch of Route 63 from a half mile south of the Route 50/63 junction in Osage County to just north of Rolla. The study uses technical analysis and public insight to develop a preferred alternative that balances community needs with technical and regulatory constraints such as cost, feasibility, and environmental protection.

### Public Hearing Dates and Locations

#### First Hearing

The first hearing will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 4 p.m.—7 p.m. at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall, which is located on Route 63, one mile south of the Route 50/63 junction.

#### Second Hearing

The second hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 4 p.m.—7 p.m. at the Vienna Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 206 Sixth Street in Vienna.



The public may attend either hearing at any time between the advertised hours to speak with MoDOT employees and review the study and various displays. All public input regarding the preferred alternative is important and the public is encouraged to participate and provide comments. All comments will be taken into consideration and made a part of the study file.

#### Online Hearing

An online hearing will be held beginning Feb. 17 through March 2 at [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central). The public can view displays and provide comments.

#### Meeting Information

For meeting or accessibility information for the physically disabled, please call MoDOT toll free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or TTY 1-800-735-2966 for relay service for the deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired. You may also visit [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central).

## About the U.S. Route 63 Environmental Study

The U.S. Route 63 Environmental Impact Statement objectives include improving safety, traffic flow, and continuity on the north/south corridor.

This study is required by the Federal Highway Administration under the National Environmental Policy Act before a major highway project can be constructed. It is an objective process to help determine what actions, if any, are needed to best serve area transportation needs.

The U.S. Route 63 environmental and location study should be completed in the fall of 2009. Currently, there is no funding for construction or acquisition of right of way for this project.



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## U.S. Route 63 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Complete Document Available for Review and Comment

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The complete U.S. Route 63 Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available online at **[www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central)**, or the public can review the document at the following locations in the mid-Missouri area through March 2, 2009:

**Legends Bank**, 1950 Highway 63, Westphalia, MO 65085

**Bank of Freeburg**, 131 Old Vienna Road, Freeburg, Mo 65035

**Osage County Courthouse**, 106 East Main, Linn, MO 65051

**Maries County Courthouse**, 211 Fourth Street, Vienna, MO 65582

**Phelps County Courthouse**, 200 North Main Street, Rolla, MO 65401

**Osage County Library**, 1014D East Main Street, Linn, MO 65051

**Rolla Public Library**, 900 Pine Street, Rolla, MO 65401

**MoDOT Central District Office**, 1511 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65102